

# **Lee County Safety Day Teaches Valuable Lessons Along with Career Insight**

**An unsuspecting bystander may have thought an unprecedented disaster had taken place on a recent afternoon in Lee County. But thanks to the collaborative efforts of the local school system, hundreds of students were introduced to the rescue abilities of local emergency and fire protection personnel during the first Lee Co. Safety Day.**

**The local baseball field was turned into a virtual triage center complete with ambulance, fire engines and a medical helicopter in carefully staged rescue attempts and mini-seminars ranging in topics from auto accidents, electrical emergencies to natural resource and farm safety.**



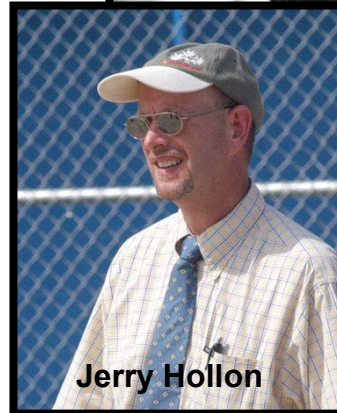
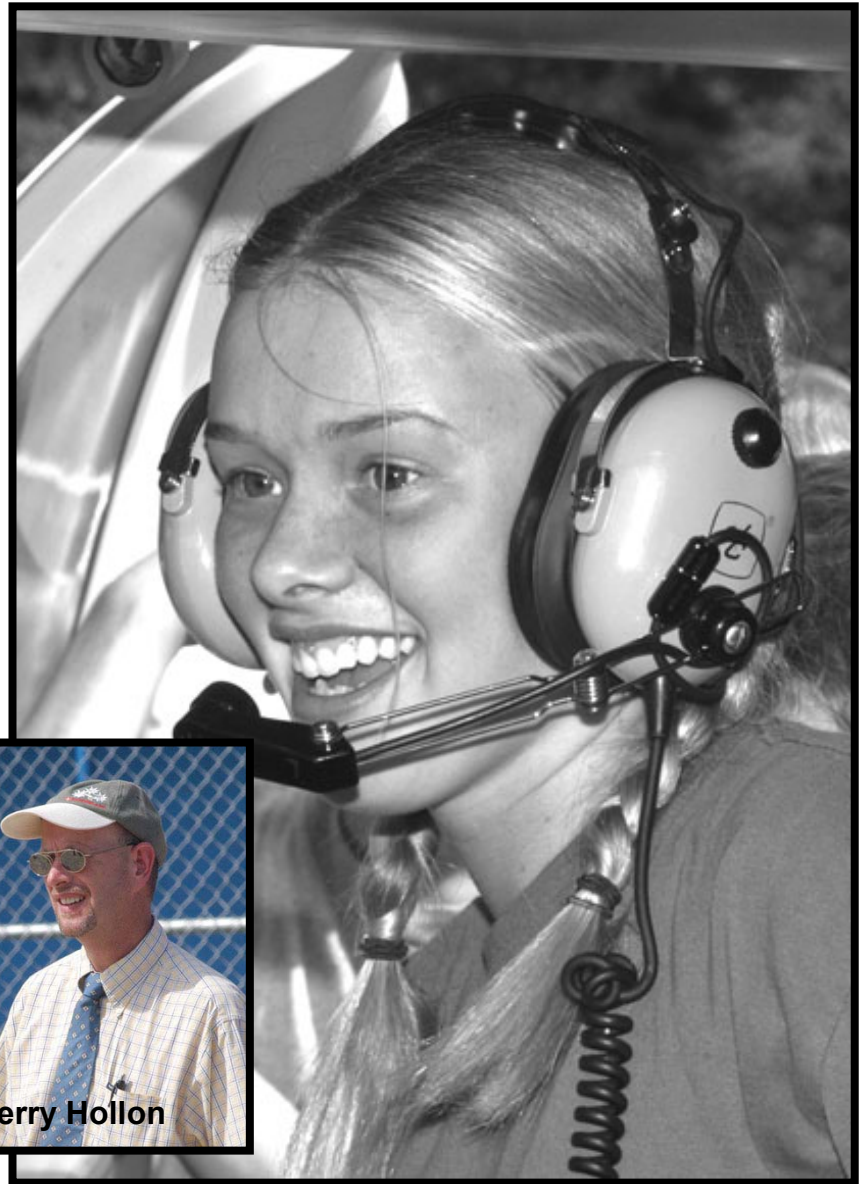


**Med-vac helicopter**

**Lee Co. ATC Principal Jerry Hollon and Electrical Technology Instructor John Cook helped to get the project organized and underway along with Lee Co. High School Principal Jimmy Evans and Lee. Co. Superintendent Frank Kincaid.**

**“This event has been two years in the making and its main focus is to promote safety,” said Hollon.**

**“Several people came together as a leadership team to make this event happen,” said Evans. “We feel this is needed because the students know a little about safety, but not enough.”**



**Jerry Hollon**

**Pictured above left: Students found the med-vac helicopter most interesting while a student, above, got a chance to experience what it's like in the helicopter.**



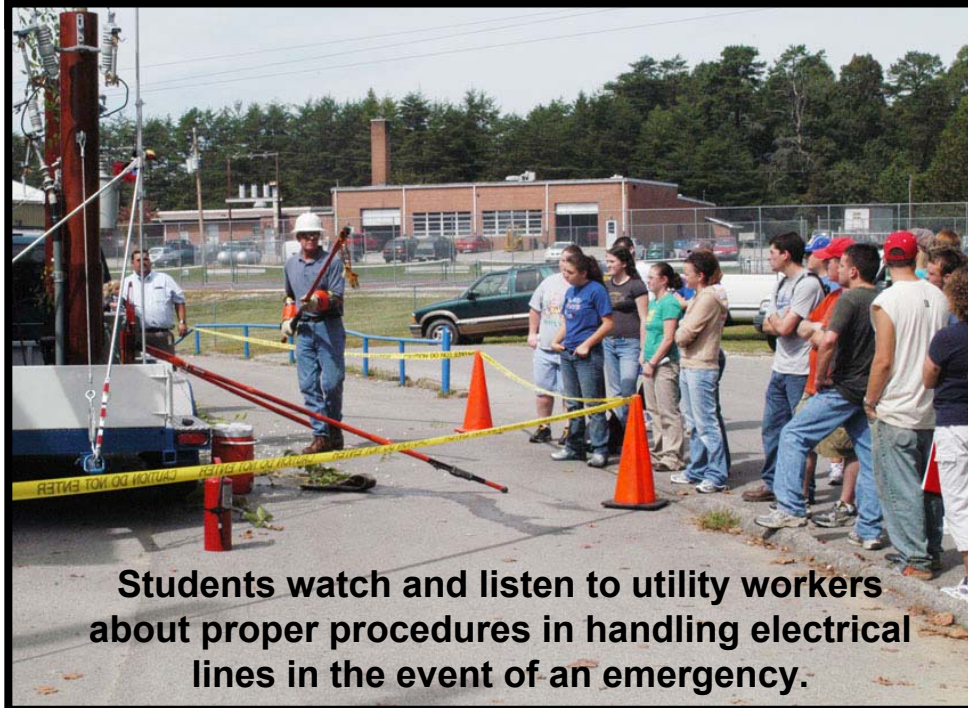


**While students were getting a first hand look at emergency procedures, they were also getting a chance to see opportunities for volunteering or even career possibilities by way of the variety of agencies represented.**

**“This type of event shows how the different agencies coordinate the effort to get the job done,” said Eugene Barrett, Lee Co. Emergency Manager and captain of the rescue squad. “We want to get the students interested in these organizations.”**

**Students also got an eye opening experience when it comes to what can happen in the event of an auto accident and how to stay safe.**

**A life-like rescue by way of an auto extraction was performed teaching the importance of quick response in this type of an emergency. Emergency personnel typically try to execute a rescue within the “Golden Hour” from the time of the crash until the victim reaches the hospital to increase the patients chances of survival.**



**Students watch and listen to utility workers about proper procedures in handling electrical lines in the event of an emergency.**

The demonstration showed the removal of the top of the crashed vehicle and the extraction of the “victim” complete with ambulance attendants waiting to rush them to the hospital.

Kentucky State Trooper Jon Allen was on hand to lend support and answer questions.

“This is important because students can see what happens to a car during a collision and what team work it takes to rescue a victim,” said Allen.

“This kind of program makes students aware of safety whether they’re driving, working with electricity, working on the farm or even operating a four-wheeler,” said Cook. “I challenge other ATCs to put together safety awareness programs for the benefit of their students.”

“We want to get students interested in the organizations that are represented here today,” said Kincaid. “A real emergency requires the use and coordination of multiple groups and these students will be the next generation that will take this over either as a volunteer or as a career.”

“This is just an excellent opportunity for the fire services of Lee Co. to promote safety and teamwork for the Lee Co. HS and ATC students,” says Johnny Mills, director of Lee Co. Transportation and Lee Co. Fire Chief.



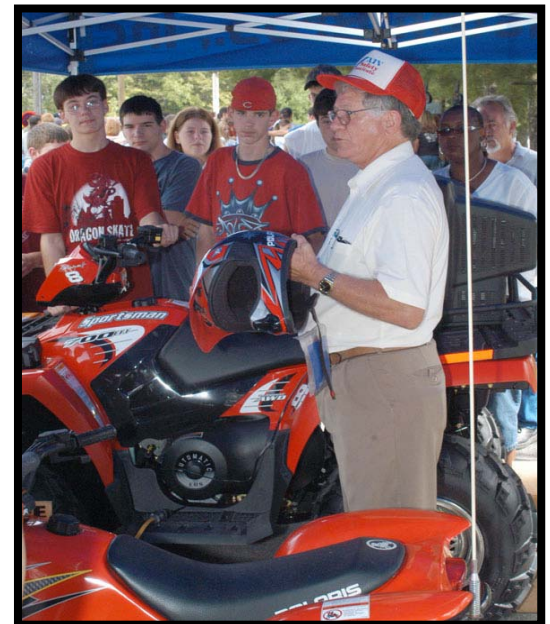
Superintendent Frank Kincaid speaks to students via a loud speaker about the day's events





Pictured above, clockwise: Students learn about farm tractor safety; fire prevention from the Forestry Service and four-wheeler safety.

**Even though the day's events were simulations, students got a real chance to see rescue and emergency services up-close and an opportunity to learn about a wide range of safety measures for everyday activities. Whether they came away with an idea for a career, a willingness to volunteer or a heightened awareness of safety, Lee Co. Safety Day proved to be a real-life success.**





**Pictured at right is Assistant Fire Chief Stanley Lumpkins watching over a demonstration and below is the Kentucky Department of Transportation's roll-over simulator.**



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